

Undercover Officer Survival Techniques



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Training Location

Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Training Facility

6011 North Chase Road
Newman Lake, WA 99025

TOPICS COVERED

- Basic Drug Identification
- Street-Level Drug Buys (Violent encounters, open air drug sales, cold knock considerations, informant & introductions.
- Mental Preparation for Undercover Operations
- Surveillance Techniques
- Uses of Electronic Surveillance
- Undercover Role Preparation (Mental mindset, choice of gun, alternate weapon, identification, & cover story
- Encounters with Armed Drug Dealers
- Tactical Rescue Techniques
- Psychological Challenges for Undercover Officers
- Classroom-based Practical Exercises
- Case Studies of Downed UC Officers



Course Overview

Undercover narcotic operations are a necessary tool to effectively target drug dealers operating in North America. Successful undercover operations allow law enforcement officers to covertly gather evidence of a crime, or interrupt the planning of criminal activities before the suspects have an opportunity to commit the crime. The most common type of undercover operations utilized by police agencies involves narcotic enforcement. All too often, police departments fail to provide adequate training to law enforcement officers assigned to conduct undercover operations. While this practice was common in the 70's, 80's, and early 90's, it can lead to serious mistakes that can cost an officer their job, their freedom, or their life.

For police officers, working in an undercover capacity can be extremely challenging with an inherent risk of danger. Suspected criminal violators are involved in activities that violate federal, state, and international laws. Undercover officers are tasked with convincing the violator to allow them to participate in these activities. While working undercover, officers interact with criminal violators who operate in a manner that exposes and enhances the officer to potential volatile situations. The risk is present that subjects of criminal activity will attempt to challenge the officer's identity, encourage the officer to commit a crime, divulge information of an intended upcoming violent offense, and seek an opportunity to assault and/or steal from the officer. In many undercover operations the officer acts alone with suspected violators. Even though close cover officers are present, the violators are not aware of that fact. This course will emphasize the importance of being mentally prepared for an undercover assignment. During all operations, a good undercover officer mentally prepares for the worse- case scenario and has an action plan.

This four day training course was designed to provide undercover officers with current methods and techniques to safely initiate undercover operations. Officers will be exposed to up-to-date undercover audio/video recordings that will demonstrate various teaching points. Officers will participate in case studies and see videos where gunfire erupted during an undercover operation.

Case studies will be presented of all undercover officers killed in the line of duty in the United States within the past thirty years. Exposure to these incidents can aid the course attendees by preventing history from repeating itself. Several seasoned narcotic officers, who are all still active in undercover operations, will participate in instructing this course. All officers are from one of the largest police departments in the United States. The use of multiple instructors will expose officers to various ways of working undercover.

Tuition

\$295 per Officer

\$260 Discount applies if 5 or more register at once

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